

MURDER TRIAL

A CASE THAT EXCITES A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST.

Felony Cases in the Hastings Court of Petersburg--A Celebrated Assize Trial.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, October 20, 1887.

The Circuit Court of Greenville County--Judge Hancock presiding--began its fall term to-day. In addition to the usual civil cases there are several important Commonwealth cases on the docket. First of these latter in importance is that of Randall Watson, a negro of some prominence, who is charged with and has been indicted for the murder of Joe Robinson on the 26th of December, 1886. When arraigned in the County Court for trial Watson elected to be tried in the Circuit Court. Robinson was shot down and instantly killed at Bellfield, in consequence, it is alleged, of some family trouble between the parties. The defendant had a good deal of excitement at the trial, and there were threats against the murdered man's friends of lynching. If anything of the kind was ever contemplated it was prevented by the wise precautions of the Court in having the prisoner removed to the jail in Petersburg for safe-keeping, and he has been confined ever since. He was taken out to Greenville last evening. Watson is represented to be a man of rather notorious character. After committing the crime he fled from the country, but was subsequently arrested in Norfolk. Two or three negro women, who were also indicted for complicity in the alleged murder, are to be tried at the present term of the court.

The quarterly term of the Hastings Court of this city met to-day. The criminal docket is quite a large one though the cases are not very important. The grand jury to-day brought in seven or eight indictments for felony, and to-morrow will meet again to consider the libel suits against the proprietors of the *Index-Appeal* and *Lancet* and the signs of the resolutions condemning Mayor Jarratt. In this connection it may also be stated that one of the cases to be tried is that of the negro Fred Ridley, whose assault upon Mrs. Drejaette gave rise to the serious excitement between the races some weeks ago. In his trial in the Mayor's Court Ridley was fined \$50 and sentenced to jail for six months. From this decision he took an appeal, and this appeal will be tried in the Hastings Court. He has engaged three negro lawyers to defend him.

Information has been received of the recent death, in Brunswick, Mo., of Dr. George Dupuy, a former resident of Petersburg and a native of Dinwiddie county. He was an accomplished and genial gentleman, and leaves many friends and relatives here to mourn his death.

The recent sales of real estate in this city indicate a decided improvement in the prices of property and a gratifying advance on previous figures.

Among the cases on the docket of the Hastings Court for the present term is that of Mr. A. B. Guignon of Richmond, indicted for selling coupons without a license. This case has been twice continued for satisfactory reasons. What will be done with it remains to be seen.

RONIN ADAMS.

PRINCE EDWARD.

Political--The Pledge to Support Mahone--Other Notes.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

BUREAU'S DEPT., Oct. 20, 1887.

This week's *Farmer's Journal* contains the pledge to support Mahone which the little General exacted of the candidate for the Senate from this district. He makes it strong and binding, the more so, perhaps, because the negro King had been brought out by the white element of the Republican party as against the designing ex-Senator. Since the circular has come to light the Hooper wing, the most respectable, is said to have furiously "kicked," and a sort of fermentation has been set up, the product of which is anticipated with interest. This seems to be the obligation which culminates in the "Black Bill" must take, that these may constitute a canvas, into the action of which the unpledged members may be whipped. The colored candidate for the House, Pompey Eland, is believed to be held as firmly bound as Grigg. Lively times are looked for yet before this canvas is over in Prince Edward, Cumberland, Buckingham, and Amelia.

The Fair next week will cause a lull in politics. Our county will turn out largely to attend the marriage of the couple from this county.

Our beloved bride and her noble, the less beautiful sister who attends her will be the great attraction this year, and little else is talked about in this their neighborhood.

The fortunate group is in illustrious young families who is highly esteemed, and is in eminently fit representative of the agricultural interests of the state.

The remains of the late postmaster of Farmville, Frank P. Price, were escorted by the military to Hampden-Sidney College and buried on yesterday. He had been in attendance at a commercial college in Knoxville and contracted fever, of which he died on Monday. He was a Prince Edward boy of fine character and business qualification.

Our farmers are rapidly seedling wheat, and the favorable season, which has been exceptionally good this year, continues.

Rev. Mr. Leonard, of Pamplin's, has been conducting a meeting at the Baptist church for the last week, and the attendance and interest are good.

Our High School, with a corps of efficient teachers, is a success, and attracts persons to our place.

TWO MARRIAGES.

Wedding-Bells in Halifax County--Other Notes.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

SOUTHERN BOSTON, October 20, 1887.

A large assemblage gathered in St. John's church, Halifax Courthouse, last night to witness the marriage of Miss E. H. Edmondson and Mr. David A. Webb. The decorations were elaborate, and the extra lights used to parted a beautiful brilliancy to the happy scene. The auditorium, the galleries, and the choir were packed with the citizens of the town and quite a number from a distance. Mrs. A. B. Green, the accomplished organist of St. John's, was at the grand old instrument, and as the sweet and inspiring strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March filled the church the bridal party entered in the following order:

Miss Fanny Edmondson and Mr. T. B. Massie, Miss Nellie Carpenter and Mr. L. C. Watkins, Miss Lulu Edmondson and Mr. W. H. Carrington, Miss Nellie Booth and Mr. A. Randolph Carrington, Miss Mildred T. Harris and Mr. J. H. Hankins, Miss Rose Edmondson and Mr. V. L. Fowles, Miss Rosa Poole and Mr. J. A. Phillips, Miss Maggie Wade and Mr. Thomas E. Knott, Miss Ida Rogers and Mr. J. M. Faulkner, bride and groom. Messrs. B. H. Edmondson, H. M. Booth, and J. H. Farmer, ushers.

The bride was a rich, very handsome dress of *faille francise*, *en train*, silver brocade front, trimmed with point lace. Veil also pointed lace.

The groom was attired in a full-dress suit.

The impressive ceremony of the Episcopal Church was conducted by Rev. W. E. Webb and Rev. Dr. O. A. Kinross.

At the conclusion of the service the

party left the church, while Clayton's grand march rang out from the organ. They then proceeded to the bride's residence, where until a late hour the festive occasion was celebrated in a most merry and delightful manner. Supper was announced at 12, and was a feast rich and elegant in all its appointments.

The presents were very numerous, handsomely packed.

The bride is a daughter of the late William M. Howerton; the groom a son of Rev. W. E. Webb--all of this county. They are very popular and prominent in society circles, and enter upon their married life with the hearty congratulations and best wishes of all who know them.

GLENN--JONES.

Yesterday afternoon a brilliant marriage also took place at the hospitable mansion of Mr. James A. Glenn, a short distance from this place, being the result of his charming and beautiful daughter Miss Mary Glenn and Mr. D'Orsay Jones, of Danville. The attendees:

Miss May Jones of Richmond and Mr. R. M. C. Glenn Miss Gee Watson and Mr. H. W. Holcombe of Danville, Miss Hattie Holcombe of Danville, and Mr. S. M. Glenn, Miss Lily Yancey and Mr. W. A. Holland of Danville, Miss Emmae Jones of Pittsylvania and Mr. George N. Wilson of Danville, and Mrs. Nannie McAdoo of Greensboro and Mr. J. S. Cunningham of North Carolina.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. W. G. Starr, of Danville, and immediately thereafter the company sat down to an elaborate lunch, after which the bridal party came to South Boston to meet the evening train, upon which the bride and groom left on an extended southern tour, followed by the benevolence of a host of friends.

BLESSING AND PRAYER.

In the bustle of writing my letter yesterday I neglected to mention that Hon. Paul C. Edmunds was present at the speaking Tuesday night, and contributed, as usual, greatly to the success and enjoyment of the occasion. He was in excellent trim, and his brief remarks provoked continuous laughter and applause. The Senator is a team, indeed, and holds his grip on the people of this county, and I particularly like those of South Boston.

Hon. and Miss W. L. Jordan, Miss Eddie Jordan, Miss Mary Vaughan, Mrs. E. P. Wilkinson, and Mr. R. E. Jordan, Jr., are visiting Atlanta, Ga.

Lafayette will send an unusually large delegation next week to the Richmond Fair.

Mr. John S. Cunningham recently bought the well-known Gerst estate near this place, paying therefor \$13,000 cash.

Hon. W. L. Jordan and Messrs. Ruth Hunter Beasley and A. B. Williamson have been elected to represent the South Boston Baptist church in the General Association, which meets in Lynchburg next month.

The walls of the Episcopal church have been completed. Every effort will be made to put on the roof before winter arrives. Money for this purpose is needed. There are only fifteen or twenty Episcopalians in South Boston, and their efforts to build a church deserve every success.

Penitent of a Virginian in St. Louis. (Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

ENCANTILE, October 19, 1887.

A telegram was received here to-day announcing the death this morning in St. Louis of Dr. J. Price Nelson. Dr. Nelson left this county last winter and located at Lincoln, Neb., to practice his profession. He was highly esteemed here, and his death is a pecuniarily sad one. His mother left last night on receiving a telegram announcing his dangerous illness.

ATLANTA, Georgia, Oct. 19, 1887.

WANTED, THREE OR FOUR GOOD GOULDERS steady employees, \$25-35 per month.

WANTED, A NEAT COLORED WOMAN COOK. Must understand thoroughly her business. Good bread a specialty. Fair wages will considerate. Address, J. H. STEPHENS, care *Dispatch*.

WANTED, THE PUBLIC TO KNOW THE YORK SAFE was awarded first prize of \$1000 at the recent exhibition of the New York Fair. The prop safe made, over 100 foreign and American competitors. A. L. OWEN, Agent, 491 Broad street.

WANTED, THREE OR FOUR GOOD GOULDERS steady employees, \$25-35 per month.

WANTED, A YOUNG MARRIED COUPLE to go to ONE OR TWO UNPREDICTED ROOMS WITH OR WITHOUT BOARD, IN A PRIVATE FAMILY. References exchanged. Address, J. H. STEPHENS, care *Dispatch*.

WANTED, MEN, WOMEN, BOYS, AND GIRLS, all classes of working people, to engage in a business, a portion of which can be done in small rooms, at home, days or evenings, simple and easy; can be operated in the city or a country village. Any person making less than \$100 per month, will be paid \$100 per month. Address, ALBANY, care *Dispatch*.

WANTED, A GOOD CARPENTER, to work in a wholesale grocery house. Good references. Address, M. C. STAPLES, care *Dispatch*.

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WANTED, YOUNG MAN DESIRABLE AS A TAILOR, as a shopkeeper or salesman in a wholesale grocery house. Good references. Address, M. C. STAPLES, care *Dispatch*.

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WANTED, BY A STEADY YOUNG MAN, A SITUATION AS MANAGER ON A FARM forthcoming year. Good references given. Address, W. G. DODD, care *Dispatch*.

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